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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER THORN

1. FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD
RECEIVED BY COMMERCIAL CABLE: QTE: ON THE OCCASION OF
THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, I SINCERELY WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG
AND MYSELF, OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. FOR MANY YEARS,
OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN UNITED BY EVER-CLOSER TIES.
MINDFUL OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND AFFINITY BETWEEN OUR TWO
PEOPLES, I EXTEND TO THE AMERICAN NATION WARM WISHES FOR
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY AND FOR A FRUITFUL AND TRUSTING
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO PRIME MINISTER THORN: QTE: DEAR MR. PRIME
MINISTER: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND
I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
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MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR

NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

--- IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
PAST, BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL
FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

--- WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE
IMPORTANT GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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